

Arsenal Disposal Activities Won't Bother Jolietans

Lest southern Illinois residents get the idea another war or catastrophe has erupted in their own backyard, the Illinois Ordnance plant near Herrin announced yesterday that future blasting and explosions will be simply a systematic destruction of obsolete ammunition.

But while the southern Illinois residents will have to accept their nerves to the condition for the next few months, residents of the Joliet area will be spared the din, according to Capt. Cory Travers, executive officer of the Joliet Arsenal.

HE SAID that there will be some elimination of obsolete ammunition here but that it will be held to a minimum since it will involve only the blowing up of outmoded fuses and boosters. Bombs and large shells are being renovated and the powder from these stored in powder magazines.

"The noise from the process here will resemble the sharp crack of a shotgun," Capt. Travers said today, "and the reverberation will probably travel only about a mile so that Joliet residents will not be disturbed."

ACCORDING to an Associated Press report from Herrin, Capt. Leland B. Howard, commanding the Illinois Ordnance plant, said the blasting there should be no cause for alarm and that the war-like noise will be confined to the period from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily. Until April 8 the blasts heard infrequently will indicate experimental tests as to the procedures of destruction. The bulk of the blasting will be from April 1 to June 30.